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"(b) & (c) Government have no information in the matter. A report has been called for from the Board and its reply is awaited. Instructions have been issued to collectors to absorb the process establishment thrown out of employment in temporary departments like Civil Supplies, etc."

Strike in the Government Training School, Tanjore.

* 878 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was stay-in-strike in Government Training School, Tanjore, by the pupil-teachers on 25th August 1952;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same and the action taken to redress the grievances of the students; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken on account of this incident?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) & (c) It is reported that the senior students of the school refused to occupy the class-rooms allotted to them by the headmaster and stayed out of the classes. They have subsequently been allotted more suitable rooms as a result of which they resumed attendance at the classes. The trainees who stayed out were warned."

Appointment of a male doctor in Government Hospital, Usilampatti, Madurai district.

* 879 Q.—SRI V. MUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that there has been no male doctor in the Government Hospital, Usilampatti, Madurai district, for more than four months; and

(b) if so, when the Government propose to fill up the vacancy?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) An Assistant Surgeon has since joined duty in the hospital."

Silver Hill Estate at Marikunnu, Kozhikode.

* 880 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) how many labourers (coolies) have been appointed by the Government on a permanent basis for the improvement of the Government Estate, viz., the Silver Hill Estate at Marikunnu;

(b) whether it is a fact that certified children including girls are placed to do menial services to certain officers in their houses;

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(c) whether the Government received any representation from the public and teachers of the certified schools in 1952 regarding the same;

(d) whether it is a fact that the main part of the Certified Girls' Home in Government Estate is allotted to an outsider when there is no sufficient place for the certified girls themselves;

(e) whether the Government have given permission to make quarry and cut stones (bricks) from the Silver Hill Estate to outsiders;

(f) whether the authorities have received written representations from the certified children on the ill-treatment given to them by the management; and

(g) whether the Government conducted any enquiry into the complaints about the management of the Certified School and Silver Hill Estate owned by the Government; and if so, what is the result?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) No labourer has been appointed at Government cost for the improvement of the 'Silver Hill' Estate, Kozhikode.

" (b) No certified boys or certified girls are placed to do menial service to any officers in their houses.

" (c) No representation has been received from the public or teachers of the Certified School in 1952 in this regard. Permission to employ certified school girls or boys to do menial work in the quarters of certain teaching staff was refused by the Poor Homes Society, Kozhikode.

" (d) No.

" (e) The Honorary Superintendent, 'The Poor Homes Society', Kozhikode, has cut stones from a quarry which is already existing in the 'Silver Hill' Estate, Kozhikode and used for the construction of a small cattle shed, an open bath and an extension to the weaving shed. No permission was given.

" (f) A complaint of ill-treatment at the hands of the House master was made to the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools and Vigilance Service by two certified pupils who were transferred to the Senior Certified School, Chingleput, as they were exercising evil influence over others.

" (g) An anonymous petition was received and the report of the Collector of Malabar is awaited by the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools and Vigilance Service in the matter."

Japanese method of cultivation in South Kanara district.

* 881 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken to popularise the Japanese method of paddy cultivation in South Kanara district?